



CON HAMMER

Little did Con Hammer know, when he was a twelve-year old hitting balls with a two-iron in the pasture of the family ranch north of Maple Creek, that golf was going to be such an important part of his life.

After moving to Outlook in 1968 to take a job in the South Saskatchewan Irrigation District he began golfing regularly at the Riverview Golf Club. He became involved by helping with the irrigation system, organizing work bees, and building new teeing grounds. During the mid-1980s he was Club President for two years.

Con was instrumental in the development of about twenty Regional Park golf courses in Saskatchewan during the 1980s. Much of this was design work for irrigation systems, but also included input on course layout. His wife, Yvette, would go along to

hold the survey stick (at times barely visible behind the vegetation).

Con became a Director of the Saskatchewan Golf Association in the late 1980s, and he served as President in 1997 and 1998. During that time he was involved in the important discussions leading to the amalgamation of the SGA and the Canadian Ladies' Golf Association, Saskatchewan Branch. When the men's and ladies' organizations united under the name Saskatchewan Golf Association on January 1, 1999 they were the first province in Canada to make that move.

Con has contributed to golf as a Rules Official. He attained a Level 4 certification and has officiated at events throughout Saskatchewan for over twenty years, including two provincials this summer.

When the new slope rating system was introduced in 1991 Con went to a national course rating workshop, and in the following years attended six more Canadian and one U.S. workshop. He generously passed on his knowledge and experience to others over the years. He has rated more than 250 courses, and been designated as a Master Course Rater.

Looking back, Con has especially enjoyed his opportunity to play courses from one end of the province to the other. He still plays nine holes of golf every day in the summer, and continues in the winter in St. George, Utah.